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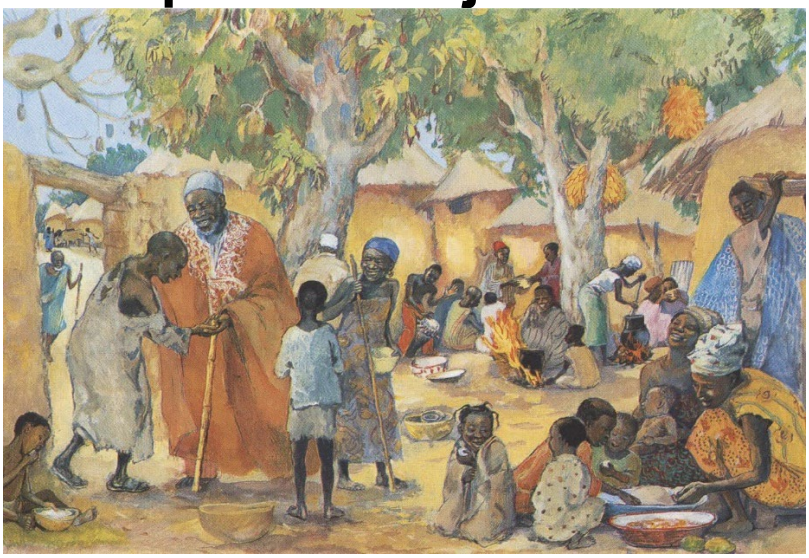
An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice



August 28, 2022
10:00 am

"How To Know We Are Doing God's Work"
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:45 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **JOSHUA CATANIA**
"Improvisation", Joshua Catania **]**

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **JEANETTE SHERRILL**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Zoom Host, Worship Leader and Greeter is [Worship Leader].
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"Let It Shine"
196 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive **JEANETTE SHERRILL**

One: God of power and justice,

All: like Jeremiah you weep over those who wander from you,

One: who turn aside to other gods,

All: and enter chaos and destruction.

One: By your tears and through your mercy,

All: teach us your ways.

One: Write them on our hearts,

All: so we may follow faithfully the path you show us. Amen

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"How Firm a Foundation"
407 NCH]

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 2:4-13** **JEANETTE SHERRILL**

SECOND READING **Luke 14:1,7-14** **PASTOR DAN**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way"
465 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"How to Know You Are Doing God's Work"** **PASTOR DAN**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording (button with two vertical lines)
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR DAN**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR DAN**

God of love, source of mercy and compassion,
Weave your dreams for the world into the fabric of our lives.
Remove the scales from our eyes and lift the indifference from our hearts,
So we may see your vision-
A new reign of justice and compassion that will renew the earth.
Transform our lives so we might bring good news to the oppressed,
Bind up the brokenhearted and proclaim release to the captive.
Give us a new urgency and a new commitment to feed the hungry,
Clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, and visit those who live in isolation.
Help us reach out to those whom no one else will touch,
To accept the unacceptable and embrace the enemy.
Surround us with your love, fill us with your grace and strengthen us for your service.
Empower us to respond to the call of Jesus-
To deny ourselves, to take up our crosses and follow.
Make us your disciples.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR DAN**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Unto the Hills We Lift Our Longing Eyes"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
John Campbell

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v.2 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **JEANETTE SHERRILL**

May the gifts we offer today and this week be blessed and multiplied,
So your work on earth is done.
May we seek to your Way
So we can bring Living Water to those you call us to serve.
Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Benediction Song"
82 ES

BENEDICTION *Responsive **PASTOR DAN**

One: Almighty God, in your goodness,

All: You provide for the needy.

One: Remove from your people the pride of place,

All: and the pursuit of power that mocks humility.

One: Open our hearts in generosity and justice to the neglected and lonely.

All: Let us have esteem for others so we may honor and please you through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. Amen

POSTLUDE **“Improvisation on Benediction Song”** **JOSHUA CATANIA**
Joshua Catania

PASSING THE PEACE *Stop Zoom Recording (square button) **FRIENDS GATHERED**
*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click “yes”)

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Catania, Accompanist

Rev. Daniel Kidder-McQuon, Guest Preacher
Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Jeanette Sherrill, Zoom Host/Worship Leader/Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you Rev Dan Kidder-McQuon for preaching this Sunday. It is such a blessing to have you share your faith, witness and creativity.

Follow-up to Heather McGhee book study. ***The Sum of Us: What Racism Cost Everyone*** by Heather McGhee was one of our book studies last Fall. Tad Wysor has found a new podcast of her which he recommends to all of us. Check it out and as Tad said, *let's keep stirring the pot and keep those awesome conversations elicited by the book going!!!*

https://open.spotify.com/episode/30VumyrlhkZzhJ20FRYHlT?si=aUX4Qi_pSTCPnCl_i38et4EQ

Sunday, September 18 is our Fall Kick-Off Sunday. Hybrid worship (both in-person and on Zoom) resumes.

Sunday, September 25: Our Neighborhood and Community Pet Blessing Ceremony. Jenn Zibbell, MID, is Team Lead for this special event. Look for more from Jenn as to how you can participate in preparations.

Beginning Monday, Oct 3 at 7:00 pm Zoom: Weekly gathering for our community of faith to complete the work of "Purpose = Identity + Context + Values" from Susan Beaumont's *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*:

- Thanks to all who completed the Google Survey on day/time availability.
- A majority of folks (11 total) indicated they could be available Monday at 7:00 pm.
- In order to address the concerns raised by almost half the responders about absences due to summer family and travel commitments, these discernment gatherings will begin on **Monday, Oct 3**
- Please use the more relaxed summertime to allow the ideas in Susan Beaumont's book to percolate while continuing to pray that we may recognize and respond to the ministry and missions God's Spirit is calling YFC UCC to next.

The Coffee Ministry at Trinity Health St Joseph Mercy continues.
During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of our faith community provided local coffee, cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at St. Joe Hospital where Dan Kidder-McQuon is the night chaplain.

While COVID has faded (for now), and the hospital has resumed "normal" operations for the most part. What hasn't changed has been the stress level of night staff. Some of this is leftover from the effects of COVID: lack of staff, nation-wide nurse shortage, burnout.

In response to the ongoing night staff stress, Dan has kept the coffee ministry going, which continues to mean a great deal to the night staff.

Local establishments that roast their own coffee, which the staff has enjoyed include:

Hyperion Coffee Co, RoosRoast, Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, Mighty Good Coffee Roasting Co, Zingermans Coffee Co, TeaHaus, Bridge Community Café, or a favorite coffee of a member of our community.

From Dan: *Some angels of our church have helped me keep the coffee ministry going. On a regular basis, I get the best coffee in Michigan dropped off by Marty, plus resupplies of cups. You have no idea how thankful I am, and how thankful the staff are for this blessing. It's spread: A couple staff members (a security sergeant and a nurse) have been donating coffee, as they know about the ministry. I just want the church to know you have been a blessing to hundreds of nurses, techs, doctors, clerks, cleaners, security, and every now and then chaplains and patient families. Holy grounds!*

Marty Kleino will gladly see your contribution reach Dan. Contact Marty: 734-262-1419.

MINISTRIES

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

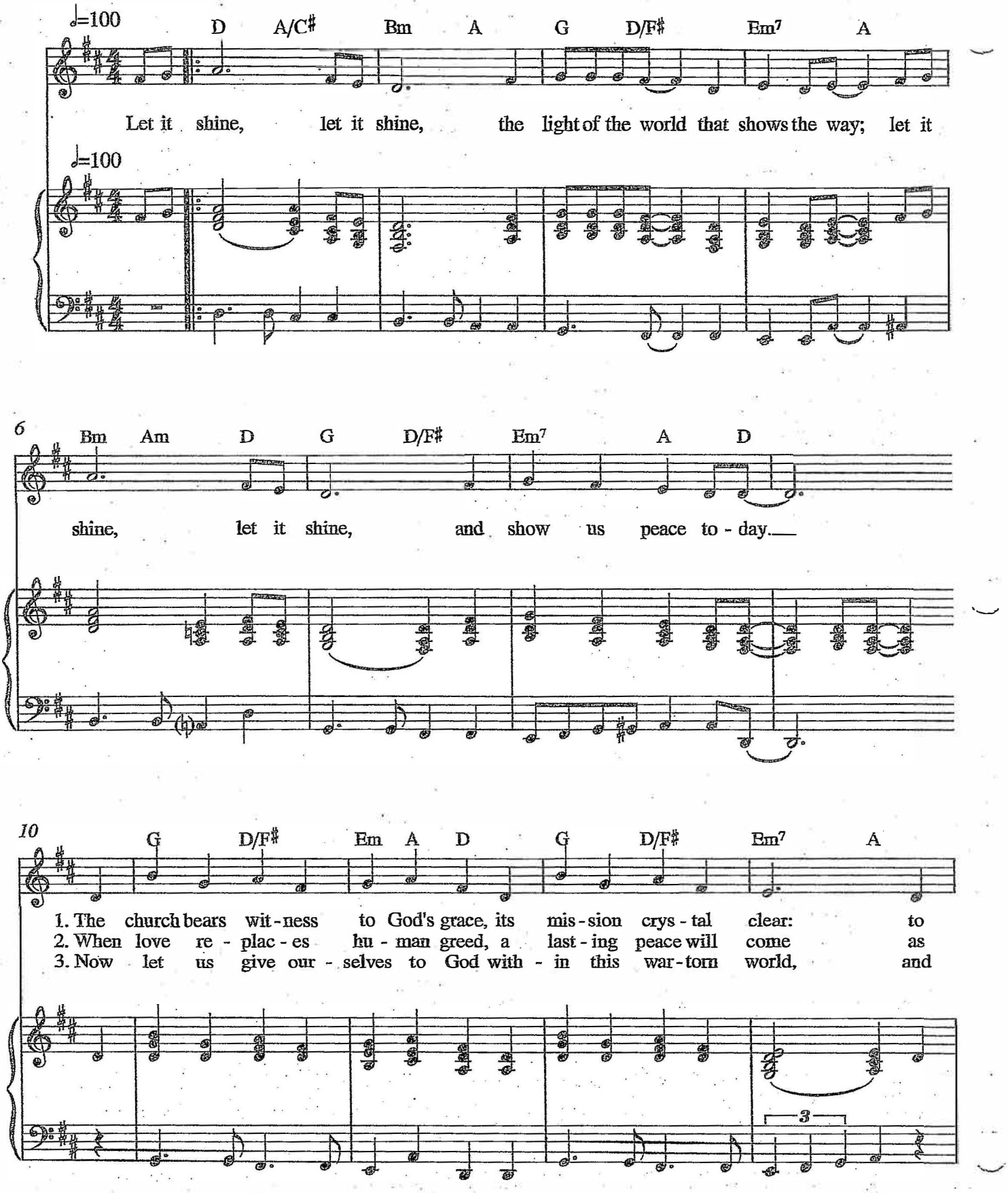
WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Let It Shine

♩=100
D A/C♯ Bm A G D/F♯ Em7 A
Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that shows the way; let it
♩=100
6
Bm Am D G D/F♯ Em7 A D
shine, let it shine, and show us peace to - day.
10
G D/F♯ Em A D G D/F♯ Em7 A
1. The church bears wit - ness to God's grace, its mis - sion crys - tal clear: to
2. When love re - plac - es hu - man greed, a last - ing peace will come as
3. Now let us give our - selves to God with - in this war - torn world, and
3

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15 G D/F♯ F♯ Bm Em Asus A

1.2.

show the world God's hu - man face, a world that God holds dear. Let it
hands reach out to hu - man need from hearts no long - er numb. Let it
work till jus - tice walks a - broad with flags of peace un -

19 Asus A D A/C♯ Bm A G D/F♯

3.

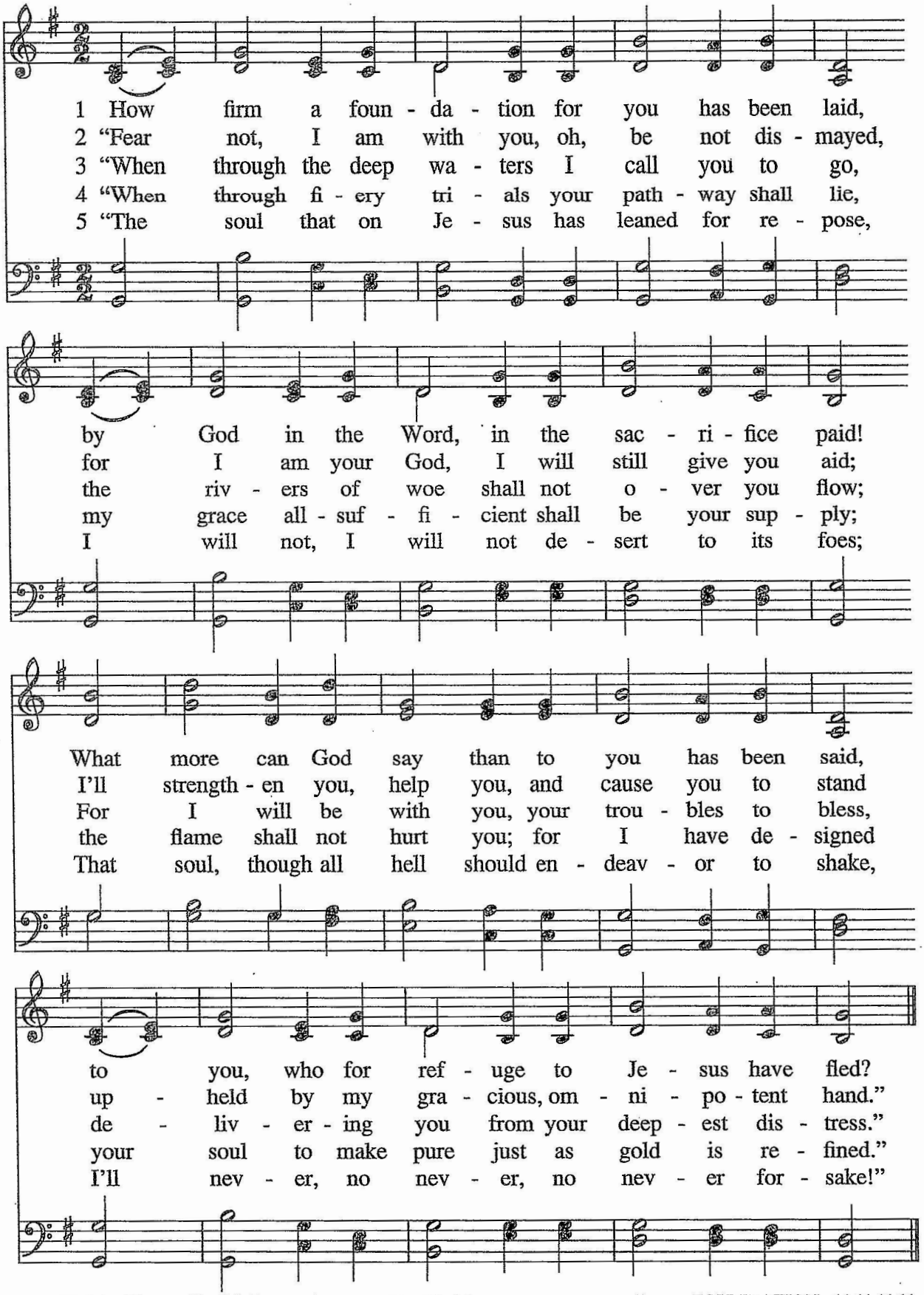
-furled. Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that

23 Em7 A Bm Am D G D/F♯ Em7 A D

shows the way; let it shine, let it shine, and show us peace to - day.

407 How Firm a Foundation

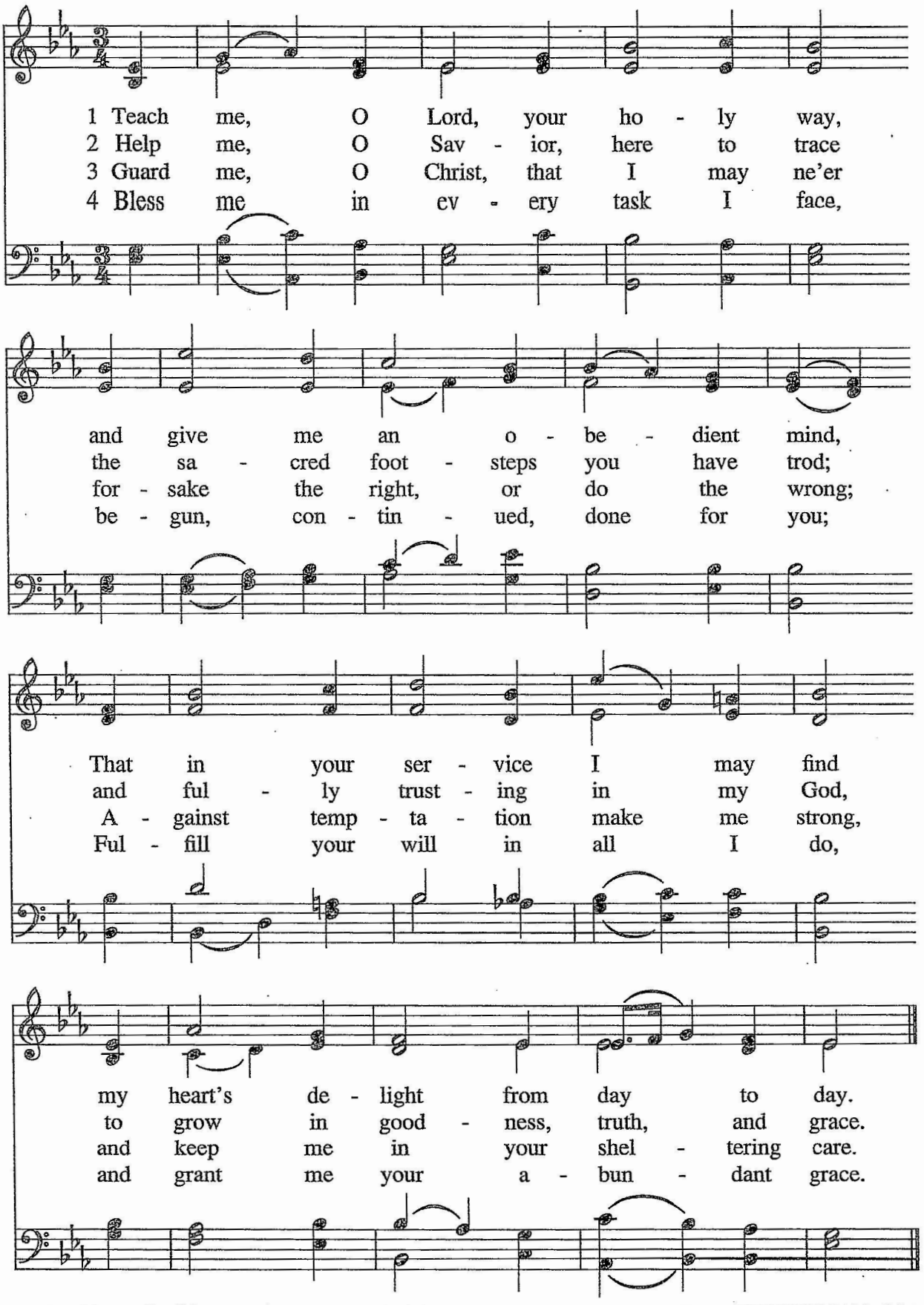
Isa. 43:2–5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5

"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, *1787; alt.*

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
What more can God say than to you has been said,
to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names since it first appeared in Funk's Genuine Church Music *(1832).*

Tune: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.
Early United States melody from Funk's Genuine Church Music, *1832*
Alternate tune: ADESTE FIDELES

465 Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way

William Matson, 1866; alt.

1 Teach me, O Lord, your ho - ly way,
2 Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace
3 Guard me, O Christ, that I may ne'er
4 Bless me in ev - ery task I face,
and give me an o - be - dient mind,
the sa - cred foot - steps you have trod;
for - sake the right, or do the wrong;
be - gun, con - tin - ued, done for you;
That in your ser - vice I may find
and ful - ly trust - ing in my God,
A - gainst temp - ta - tion make me strong,
Ful - fill your will in all I do,
my heart's de - light from day to day.
to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.
and keep me in your shel - tering care.
and grant me your a - bun - dant grace.

William Matson, English poet and Congregational minister, wrote a poem of 321 four-line stanzas titled "The Inner Life" (1866). This hymn of obedience to Christ has been drawn from that extended poem.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM L.M.
Anon.
Adapt. Edward Miller, 1790

Benediction Song

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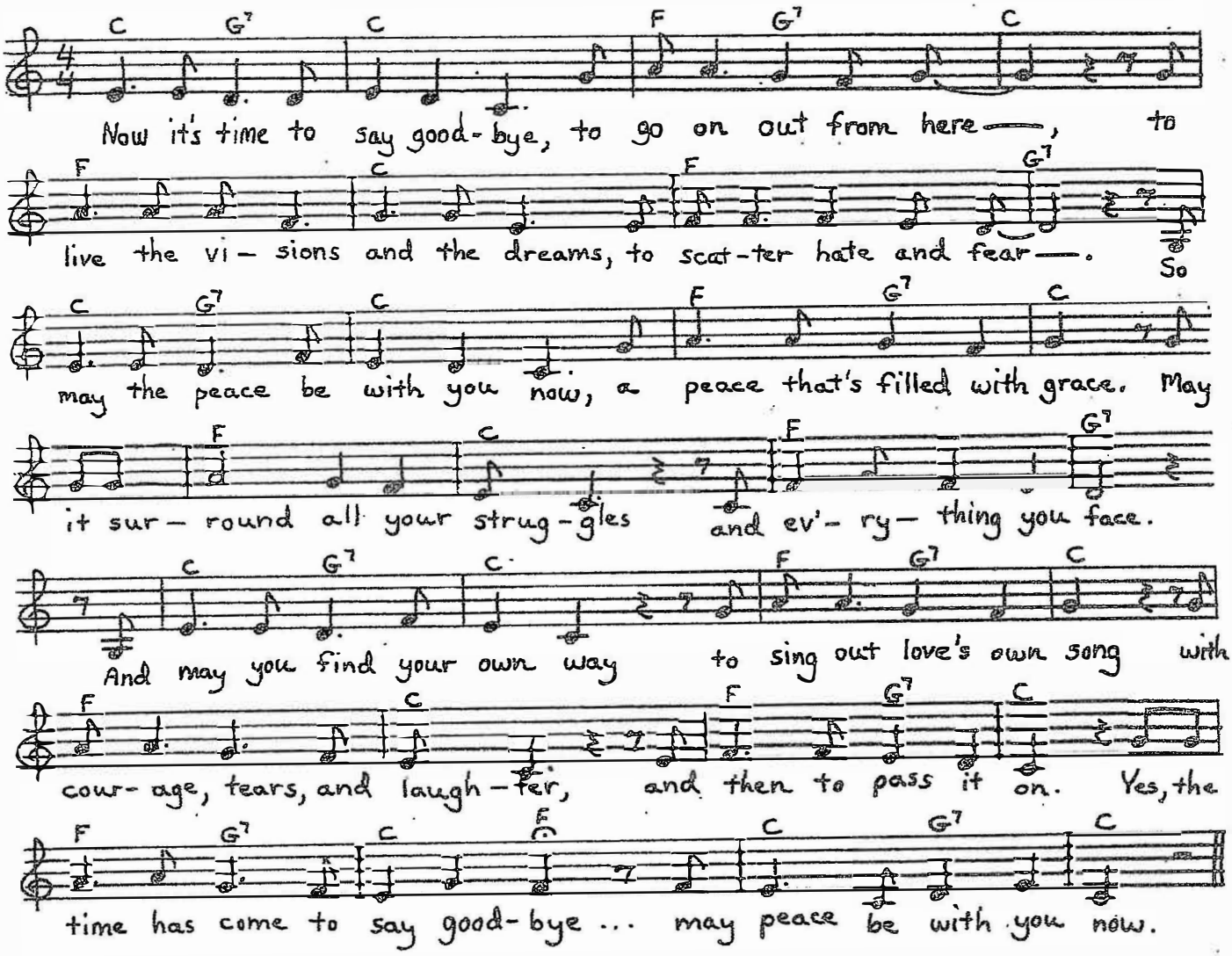
C G7 C F G7 C
Now it's time to say good-bye, to go on out from here —, to
F C F G7
live the vi — sions and the dreams, to scat-ter hate and fear —.
So
C G7 C F G7 C
may the peace be with you now, a peace that's filled with grace. May
F C F G7
it sur — round all your strug-gles and ev'- ry — thing you face.
C G7 C F G7 C
And may you find your own way to sing out love's own song with
F C F G7 C
cour-age, tears, and laugh — ter, and then to pass it on. Yes, the
F G7 C F C G7 C
time has come to say good-bye ... may peace be with you now.